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SUBJECT: (C) JAPANESE ASSESSMENT OF TARAKI FALL

REF: (A) KABUL 7809 (NOTAL), (B) KABUL 6978 (NOTAL)

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT. PROTECT FGI.
2. JAPANESE DOM AND HIS POLITICAL AIDE BRIEFED POLOFF SEPTEMBER 29 ON JAPANESE VISIT TO KABUL SEPTEMBER 16-19. AICE, WHO PAID VISIT, SPENT MOST OF TIME AT JAPANESE EMBASSY IN KABUL BUT DID MEET A FEW AFGHANS AND TALKED WITH FEW SOVIETS. HE MADE CLEAR HIS IMPRESSIONS ARE HIS OWN AND THAT OFFICIAL JAPANESE VIEWS SHOULD EMANATE FROM KABUL EMBASSY.
3. JAPANESE HAVE ASSEMBLED SCENARIO FROM VARIOUS SOURCES OF TARAKI'S FALL AS FOLLOWS: TARAKI WAS SUMMONED TO MOSCOW FROM HAVANA WHERE WAS "INSTRUCTED" TO BROADEN REGIME BASE BY SACKING AMIN, VATANJAR AND OTHER "RADICALS". IN RETURN FOR HIS AGREEING TO DO SO SOVIETS HEAPED FLSOME PRAISE ON "FATHER OF THE REVOLUTION" BEFORE HE DEPARTED USSR.
4. AMIN GOT WIND OF TARAKI'S PLAN AND PREPARED WELCOMING COMMITTEE TO DEPOSE TARAKI. TWO ELEMENTS MET SEPTEMBER 14 AT WHICH TIME THE CONFRONTATION TURNED VIOLENT. AN UNIDENTIFIED TARAKI-LOALISTA TRIED TO SHOOT AMIN BUT TAROOM STEPPED IN FRONT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND WAS KILLED. HIS SHIELDING OF AMIN IS REPORTEDLY THE GENESIS OF HIS MARTYRDOM.
5. ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE ACCOUNT THE SITUATION THEN DETEIORATED WITH MORE SHOOTING DURING WHICH AMIN ESCAPED. THE FATE OF VATANJAR AND OTHERS IS UNKNOWN IN THIS ACCOUNT. INTERESTINGLY, THE JAPANESE SCENARIO DOES NOT INCLUDE THE NEARLY-UNIVERSAL VERSION IN WHICH TARAKI IS ALSO SHOT. THAT VERSION STILL APPEARS TO BE BASED ON LE MOUNIER'S AFP STORY FILED FROM KABUL ON SEPTEMBER 16.

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